



## Summer Food Service Program



## Bulletin

### *Child Nutrition Programs*

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### USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

1. [FD-104 – Value of USDA Donated Foods for Audits \(Revised\)](#)
2. [SFSP07-2017 – Demonstration Project for Non-Congregate Feeding for Outdoor Summer Meal Sites Experiencing Excessive Heat with Q&As](#)

To view previous USDA policy memos, visit:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>

### Additional Topics:

- 2017 SFSP Annual Training
- Summer Spotlight: Farm to Summer
- Upcoming Webinars & Conference Calls

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**Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Summer Food Service Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.**

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### USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

1. **FD-104 Value of USDA Donated Foods for Audits (Revised)**  
The purpose of this policy memorandum is to clarify the options available to state distributing agencies or recipient agencies in assigning value to USDA donated foods for audit purposes. The significance of this matter is its relevance to determining:
  - 1) If an audit must be obtained for a given fiscal year, as applicable; and
  - 2) Whether FNS Programs for which a distributing or recipient agency receives USDA donated foods qualify as major programs that auditors must test for programmatic compliance.
2. **SFSP-07 Demonstration Project for Non-Congregate Feeding for Outdoor Summer Meal Sites Experiencing Excessive Heat with Q&As**  
Through this memorandum, the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) is continuing the 2015 and 2016 demonstration project allowing non-congregate feeding at certain outdoor summer meal sites experiencing excessive heat to summer 2017. The demonstration project utilizes authority provided in Section 749(g) of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Act, 2010 (PL 111-80), as recently acknowledged in Section 147 of the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017, P.L. 114-254, to develop and test alternative methods of providing access to summer meals for low income children.

## Additional Topics

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- **2017 SFSP Annual Training**

Annual training is required in order to be an eligible sponsor and receive reimbursement in summer 2017.

- Distance training via WebEx for all non-school sponsors, new and returning, will be held on **Thursday, April 13, 2017**.
- Distance training via WebEx for all school district sponsors, new and returning, will be held on **Thursday, April 20, 2017**.
- In person training will be held in Anchorage at the **BP Energy Center at 900 E. Benson Blvd.** on **Tuesday, May 2, 2017**. This is an all-day training for new and returning sponsors. The [Residence Inn Marriott](#) is across the parking lot if you need hotel accommodations.

Please submit the attached training registration to [Cyde.Coil@alaska.gov](mailto:Cyde.Coil@alaska.gov) by **March 31, 2017**. WebEx login and dial-in information will be sent out via email prior to the training date(s).

- **Summer Spotlight: Farm to Summer**

Summer is a time of rich agricultural abundance and sponsors across the country are benefiting from the season's bounty by including local products and food-related activities into their summer meals programs. Now is the perfect time to connect with your local agriculture community and begin planning for [Farm to Summer](#) success! Summer meal sponsors and sites can incorporate Farm to Summer activities into their programs by serving locally sourced items in their meals and snacks or offering educational activities that teach children about local foods and healthy habits.

Farm to Summer can help you as a sponsor:

*Add New Sites* – Consider serving meals at eligible farmer's markets or community gardens. Begin talking with market and garden managers now, so you are ready for service at the start of the season.

*Increase Attendance* – Explore the possibility of starting a garden or see if a local farmer would be a guest speaker. You can find state-specific educational resources, such as coloring sheets, games, and lesson plans, online at [My Plate, My State](#).

*Improve Meal Quality* – Reach out to your local cooperative extension office to see which producers you may be able to purchase from or ask your vendor if they buy from any local farms. Review menus to determine where you may be able to include local and seasonal products and create marketing materials to highlight your farm-to-table program.

The earlier you plant the Farm to Summer seed, the more bountiful your program will be! For more ideas on how to grow your program, contact your [state](#) or [regional](#) farm to school specialist, or visit the [USDA Farm to Summer website](#).

- **Upcoming SFSP Webinars & Conference Calls**

- FRAC – Healthy Meals for Kids Year-Round – Its Easier Than You Think! **Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM AST**. When the school day ends, millions of children across the country lose access to the school meals that help keep them engaged and ready to learn, but the Summer and Afterschool Meal Programs can fill this gap. These federally-funded child nutrition programs provide year-round access to healthy, nutritious meals – and it's not as hard as you think to get started! From anti-hunger advocates to youth-serving providers, everyone has a role to play in building successful Summer and Afterschool Meal Programs. Join this webinar to learn how to become an anti-hunger champion – from planning for success, engaging stakeholders and unique partners, and building meal programs from the ground up. Click [here](#) to register.

- FRAC – Engaging Teens in the Summer Nutrition Programs **Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00AM AST**. Reaching teens with the Summer Nutrition Programs can be challenging, but not impossible! During the summer, teens can often help promote the program, volunteer at meal service, mentor or lead activities – while at the same time participating themselves. This call will explore strategies and promising practices for drawing more teens to summer meal sites and keeping them engaged all summer long. Click [here](#) to register.
- No Kid Hungry – Collaborative Planning: Build Community and Leveraging Resources to Strengthen Summer Meals Programming **Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM AST**. Collaborative planning is a key strategy in which multiple stakeholders join together to achieve progress that no individual organization can achieve on its own. It is also the subject of the inaugural webinar of this year's No Kid Hungry 'School's Out, Food's In' webinar series! Join us for an in-depth review of No Kid Hungry's Collaborative Planning Toolkit, an online resource designed to help State Agencies, school districts, community nonprofits, and local government officials increase participation in summer meals. We'll also hear from community leaders about how they initiated and developed collaborative planning efforts that are helping strengthen partnership networks to improve summer meals program quality and access. Click [here](#) to register.

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## Commonly Used Acronyms

SFSP – Summer Food Service Program  
CNP – Child Nutrition Programs  
WRO – Western Region Office  
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services  
FNSRO-Food & Nut. Services Reg. Office  
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture  
EED – Education & Early Development  
DEC – Department of Conservation  
LEA – Local Education Agency



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